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anybody would mistake another member of the Legislature for me except perhaps the "Silver Fox" because of the hair color, if you know what I mean. But I regret that you all had to be subjected to that but it is something that is par for the course for me. Generally, the slurs, the cursing, the threats will come in the mail, notes slid under my door, sometimes attached to the door, and on the telephone. The thing I really regret is when the two ladies in my office, either one of which may have to listen to that on the phone. I've told them when anybody begins that kind of conversation hang up because I'm the elected official, not you; you don't have to listen to it; you don't have to tolerate it. But I want to assure all of my colleagues that I shall not go into hiding. I shall be as available as I always am, and anybody who wants to find me, anybody who wants to confront me is free to do so. Now some of you all think I should not talk about religion, but it is kind of necessary by analogy for me to do it on my time to speak this instant. Based on what was said in the Bible, Jesus would lay hands on people and heal them. If you turn on television, you'll see these various healers who lay hands on people and heal them. To date, I have not attempted to exercise such power, but if a person needs help and approaches me in a way that is very aggressive and nobody else knows how to deal with that person, perhaps my laying on of hands may bring some needed healing. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. Speaker, members, are we on?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Yes, Senator Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, first of all, I would like to comment on what Senator Chambers just said. I was very proud of the Legislature for speaking up and certainly we have to concern ourselves about the dignity of this body. And I think there is no way that we can control what someone else says or writes or thinks, but we do have the opportunity to respond, and we did appropriately respond, and I am pleased for the body that that did occur. Secondly, in regard to the amendment that Senator Chambers has proposed, I